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SUBJ: EAST-WEST LABOR MEETING: NORWEGIAN COMMENTS

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1. AT LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADOR JANUARY 16, NORWEGIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO) PRESIDENT TOR ASPENGREN STRESSED THAT WEST EUROPEAN LABOR MOVEMENT ARE UNITED ARE UNITED IN DETERMINATION THAT

1) EAST-WEST LABOR CONTACTS NOT BE USED FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES, 2) NO SECRETARIAT OR OTHER INSTITUTIONALIZED CONFIDENTIAL

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FRAMEWORK, SUCH AS SOVIETS DESIRE, WOULD BE ESTABLISHED

AND 3) CONTACTS WOULD CONCENTRATE ON EXPLORATION OF SUBSTANCE OF PRACTICAL PROBLEMS, SUCH AS POLLUTION, TO SEE IF EAST IS WILLING TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY ON THESE SUBJECTS.

HE ENVISIONED AN ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE, PERHAPS NEXT FALL, AS LIKELY OUTCOME, BUT EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY THAT WHOLE PROCESS WOULD BE BROKEN OFF IF COMMUNISTS REVERTED TO COLD WAR TACTICS. HE SAID SCANDINAVIANS BLUNTLY MADE THIS CLEAR TO SHELEPIN AT HELSINKI MEETING LAST FALL; IF SOVIETS ACTED AGAIN LIKE THEY HAD IN LATE FORTIES, ALL CONTACT AND COOPERATION WOULD END. IN DISCUSSING NORWEGIAN RATIONALE IN SEEKING TO EXPAND EAST-WEST LABOR CONTACTS, ASPENGREN SPOKE OF IMPORTANCE OF USING EVERY POSSIBLE CHANNEL TO RESOLVE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS POLLUTION, AND ALSO STRESSED WESTERN INTEREST IN BROADENING CONTACTS PAST POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF EASTERN "UNIONS" TO REACH GRASS ROOTS WORKING LEVEL.

2. ASPENGREN ALSO STRESSED HIS AND NORWEGIAN LABOR MOVEMENT'S STRONG HOPE THAT AFL-CIO WOULD SEE WAY CLEAR TO "RETURN TO FOLD" OF INTERNATIONAL FREE LABOR MOVEMENT, PARTICULARLY TO ICFTU, SUGGESTING THAT AFL-CIO PRESENCE IN WESTERN TRADE UNION COUNCILS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO COUNTER-BALANCE INFLUENCE OF SOVIETS. HE DID SO WHILE REITERATING HIS KEEN INTEREST IN IMPROVING LO-AFL-CIO RELATIONS.

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